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Dear Mr. Bruhn:

This is in response to your letter received 18 June 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/673,406 filed 17 October 2000. A review of the application file shows that the communication filed 29 March 2002 in response to the Office decision of 21 November 2001 has been received. The application is being returned to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office for further processing. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Miss Paulette Kidwell at telephone number (703) 305-3656.

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